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Deputies' Meeting

Tuesday, 7 October 1952

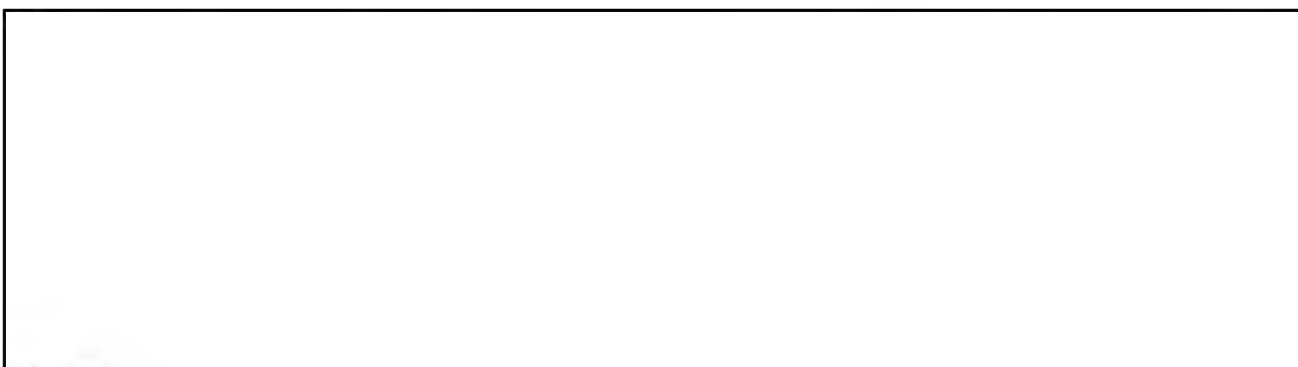
PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Becker, Helms, Col. White, Messrs. [redacted]  
Houston (for part of meeting)

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General Smith:

a. Referred to the item in the Log of 6-7 October concerning establishment of liaison with the [redacted] and stated he agreed with [redacted] that "we could not push them" and, therefore, would not attempt to do so.

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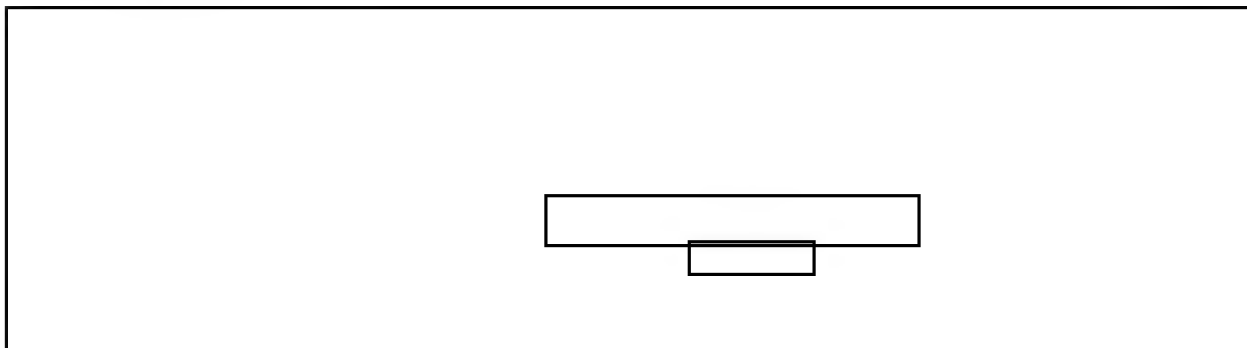
Mr. Becker:

a. Briefly reported on his conversations with [redacted] and Brig. General John Magruder, USA (Ret.), concerning the Brownell report and, after some discussion, the Director approved Mr. Becker's suggestion that (1) we go along with Gen. Magruder's recommendations; (2) the Secretary of Defense be advised of this and also notified of [redacted] exceptions to the report in question and the fact that [redacted] intended to discuss this matter with him.

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Colonel White:



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b. Noted that the Presidential Committee appointed to consider countermeasures against a "certain gadget" was considering recommending to the next higher level that discovery of this "gadget" be used for propaganda purposes; however, they first wished to determine whether there would be any CIA objection from an operational standpoint. In this connection, [ ] noted that revelation of this "gadget" would not hurt us. After some discussion, the Director stated there was no objection on his part to the release of this information but noted that the matter should be cleared with Defense since he had been advised that that Department had a healthy interest in the "gadget" from the offensive angle. [ ] noted that Defense had a representative on the above-mentioned Committee.

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